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Mrs. Mary E. Miller  
Director of Informal Courses  
Dallas College of Southern  
Methodist University  
Dallas, Texas

Dear Mrs. Miller:

Thank you for your letter of 31 March and for your kind comments on my talk. It was a pleasure to have met you on my recent visit to Dallas.

Your Informal Courses program has admirable aims, and I wish you every success in the important task of informing adults about the challenge of our times. I regret that I cannot accept your kind invitation to play a direct role in the series this fall. My duties here require that I hold public speaking engagements to a minimum.

Sincerely,

C. P. Cabell  
General, USAF  
Deputy Director

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Dallas College of Southern Methodist University

March 31, 1960

Dallas, Texas

General C. P. Cabell  
Deputy Director  
Central Intelligence Agency  
Quarters 72  
Bolling Air Force Base  
Washington, D. C.

Dear General Cabell:

It was a privilege to meet you today at the Dallas Council on World Affairs luncheon and to hear you speak of the internal workings of the Soviet Union. We who try to keep up with what is going on there never really know whether the newspaper account or the magazine article is true, or rather, whether the story is unslanted. I know that everyone in the room felt that he was really hearing the truth from you.

As I mentioned, hurriedly and probably incoherently, Dallas College offers a fairly comprehensive program of informal lectures and short courses for the adults of this area. Some of the courses are planned for those with compelling intellectual curiosity; others are given to satisfy personal interest or professional improvement.

Each year we feature a course in the broad field of public affairs and schedule speakers of state and national repute who speak in the field of their specialty. The series, usually eight lectures, is meant to sharpen the perceptions and stimulate the thinking of those who decide our destiny -- the voters. The university does not take sides on issues but tries to offer a balanced forum in the hope that an informed public will not be a misled public.

We are now planning the series for next fall. One session could well be devoted to giving a true picture of the Soviet citizen -- his aims, desires, ambitions, his likeness to us and his difference from us. Or, the speaker might choose to speak on the communist threat within our country.

If your busy life should bring you to Dallas on one of these dates, we should be honored to include your name. The program would not have to include a question-and-answer period, but could be a prepared lecture. The audiences are typically acutely interested in the subjects they pursue and quite ready to establish rapport with the speaker. The dates of the series are: September 27, October 4, 11, 18, and 25, November 1, 8, and 15. The time is 7:30 to 9:00 P.M.

Because the Informal Courses are essentially a public service effort, the lecturers cannot be remunerated beyond a small honorarium for participating. Please do not think Dallas College presumptuous for asking for your time, which is obviously heavily committed to the public service you are already doing. I am prompted by a jealous wish to give Dallas the best; therefore I dare ask.

If you do find it possible to accept one of these dates, I shall write you more fully on the program generally.

Sincerely,

*Mary E. Miller*  
(Mrs.) Mary E. Miller  
Director of Informal Courses

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MEMORANDUM FOR: GENERAL CABELL

I have discussed the attached with  
Colonel Grogan.

Recommend you decline. If you agree,  
proposed reply for your signature is  
attached.

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MEMORANDUM FOR: GENERAL CABELL

Re the attached, do you wish to:

ACCEPT? \_\_\_\_\_

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- Discuss with  
Grogan & recommend.  
My inclination is to  
decline. (Per c/c-4/6)

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